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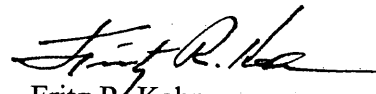
Dear Ms. Rutson:

This refers to STB Finance Docket No. 34382, Nevada Central Railroad—Construction and Operation—In Clark, Elko, Eureka, Lander, Nye and White Pine Counties, Nevada, and to your letter, dated March 18, 2004, for which I thank you.

Your office appears to be under a misapprehension as to the purpose of Nevada Central Railroad in seeking the Board's authorization to construct and operate railroad lines in Nevada. While it assuredly it will want to transport spent nuclear fuel to the Department of Energy's Yucca Mountain Repository, Nevada Central Railroad anticipates that Government shipments will constitute a small fraction of its business. Copies of the its business projections in tabular and chart form are enclosed.

The Bypass Line, as outlined in my letter to you, dated July 17, 2003, replicates the proposed Jean route in the Department of Energy's Environmental Impact Statement, and the North Fork Line, the Carlin route. It would appear to be pointless to repeat the environmental review which DOE already has undertaken, and that was the reason for filing its EIS with you.

Sincerely yours,


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cc: Mr. Robert A. Kemp

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